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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of JULY, 1947.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March, 1947 was estimated to be 500,792, comprising 258,971 males and 241,821 females.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	No.	JUNE		6 Months ended JUNE	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Marriages	No.	427	395	2,798	2,621
"	*Rate per 1000 of Population	10.34	9.73	11.27	10.72
Births	No.	985	826	6,692	5,047
"	*Rate per 1000 of Population	23.85	20.35	26.96	20.64
Deaths	No.	417	380	2,188	2,186
"	*Rate per 1000 of Population	10.10	9.36	8.82	8.94
Infant Mortality	No.	32	25	207	160
" "	Rate per 1000 Live Births	32.49	30.27	30.93	31.70

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -

Tuberculosis	12	18	73	93
Cancer	47	46	278	258
Influenza	2	1	5	6
Diphtheria	-	1	5	7
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	40	34	186	195
Arteriosclerosis	17	17	82	66
Diseases of the Heart	127	109	578	579
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia	22	21	126	121
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	2	3	12	21
Nephritis	12	19	81	79
Diseases of Early Infancy	10	14	98	82
Senility	13	12	61	54
Accidents	22	18	135	159
All Other Causes	91	67	468	466
TOTAL	417	380	2,188	2,186

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the seven months ended July totalled 395,523 acres, an increase of 264,009 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 5,041,780 acres, an increase of 4,185,688 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE & EXPENDITURE

	Month of JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,248,309	1,099,770	14,980,875	*14,407,557
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.9.7.	£2.4.6.	£30.1.6.	£29.5.9.
Expenditure	1,476,413	1,221,956	15,028,427	14,407,557
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.18.8.	£2.9.5.	£30.3.4.	£29.5.9.

* Includes a special grant of £912,559 by the Commonwealth.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st July amounted to £36,581,761, or £72.13.1d. per head of population, as against £38,404,072, or £77.13.3d. per head as at the 31st July, last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 30th July, 1947 amounted to £4,329,271, compared with £3,630,118 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
	(No.)	(£)	(No.)	(£)
Transfers	1,751	1,817	18,615	15,124
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Mortgages	1,095	970,696	9,568,890	6,591,349
	(No.)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Discharges of Mortgages	928	855,049	9,409,085	5,690,020
	(No.)	(£)	(£)	(£)

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
1946	£	£	£	£
July	1,017,708	731,534	2,054,818	142,235
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285	164,837
September	1,066,352	1,298,683	2,006,343	163,108
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926	200,216
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609	186,457
December	922,086	690,278	1,550,072	131,072
1947				
January	1,236,382	1,272,141	1,893,777	171,721
February	981,890	1,571,910	2,100,827	130,422
March	1,025,999	1,034,280	1,706,073	148,225
April	1,032,193	904,783	2,181,750	131,075
May	1,133,005	1,172,830	2,513,691	119,906
June	999,553	1,235,966	3,085,537	134,149
July	986,992	890,625	2,815,570	125,720

COMPANIES REGISTERED

15 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £727,500, and 2 Foreign Companies were registered during the month of July, 1947. Registrations for the corresponding month last year comprised 10 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £90,000, and 3 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

Month of JULY

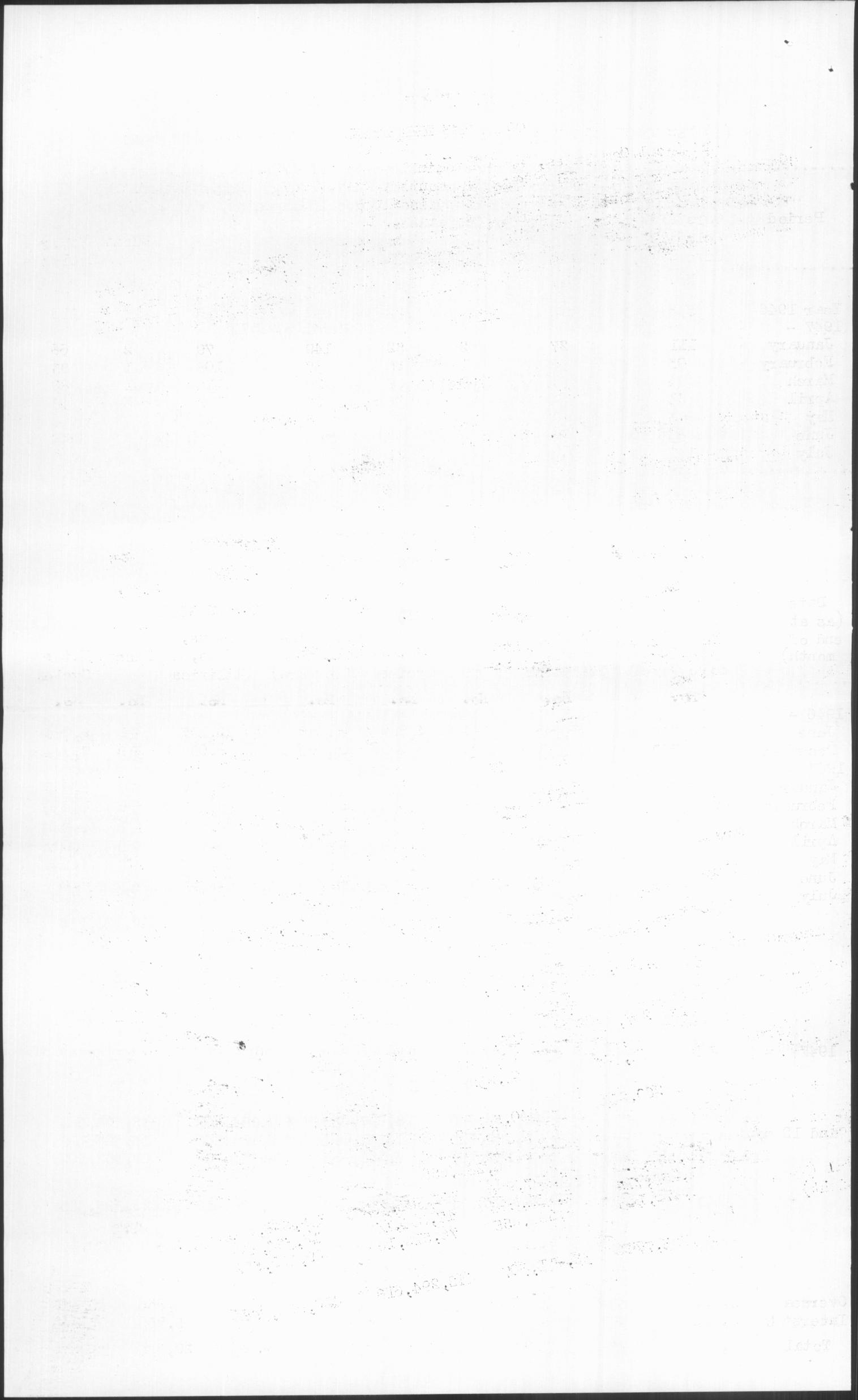
	1947			1946		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	2	170	58	3	3,426	895
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	1,804	1,142	1	2,420	2,785
Deeds of Arrangement	—	—	—	—	—	—

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :--

	JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Gross Earnings	£	330,535	274,018	4,045,935
Working Expenses	£	420,640	290,781	4,423,801
Train Miles Run		576,101	531,524	6,727,963
Passenger Journeys		1,368,840	1,552,615	13,878,518
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods		207,735	189,184	2,427,971
Livestock		11,261	10,125	148,965
Departmental (Free Freight)		41,247	41,232	491,781
Total		260,243	240,541	3,068,717
				3,194,859
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods		29,298,920	25,497,988	347,884,302
Livestock		1,154,715	1,231,664	17,894,148
Departmental (Free Freight)		6,270,143	6,281,655	76,516,168
Total		36,723,778	33,011,307	442,294,618
				420,995,355



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA					ENTIRE STATE				
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Hire Cars)	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1946 1947	536	328	11	422	637	718	16	513		
January	111	27	2	52	149	79	2	66		
February	95	38	1	65	137	108	1	85		
March	84	54	1	67	129	156	1	80		
April	63	34	3	34	95	112	3	48		
May	83	42	1	36	126	127	2	60		
June	83	26	—	32	163	89	—	45		
July	142	73	3	41	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)		

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA					ENTIRE STATE				
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1946 -										
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794		
December	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	31,777	30,096	319	7,324		
1947 -										
January	19,774	8,883	250	4,806	30,777	27,920	304	7,332		
February	20,142	9,151	251	4,983	31,972	29,836	309	7,660		
March	20,298	9,297	252	5,111	32,315	30,471	318	7,866		
April	20,281	9,295	253	5,169	32,327	30,718	325	8,009		
May	20,425	9,419	255	5,243	32,642	31,227	331	8,135		
June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,196		
July	19,946	8,970	253	4,456	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)		

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars,	Wagons, Jans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles.
1947 - JULY	93	384	6	3

T R A D E.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Overseas), June 1947 and 1946,
and 12 months ending June, 1947 and 1946 - expressed in terms of Australian currency

IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)				
JUNE		12 Months ended		JUNE		12 Months ended		
	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Oversea	1,392	682	10,378	6,041	2,211	1,775	23,856	20,667
Interstate	2,220	1,307	21,126	16,119	1,114	311	5,780	5,878
Total	3,612	1,989	31,504	22,160	3,325	2,086	29,636	26,545

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Ware- houses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		*Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
July, 1947	113	120,015	3	2,477	279	23,449	395	150,941
July, 1946	141	156,494	8	11,340	238	26,080	387	193,914
Year ended June, 1947	1,597	1,777,442	92	132,799	2,888	338,368	4,577	2,248,609
Year ended June, 1946	1,251	1,112,933	111	70,853	2,632	315,718	3,994	1,499,504

* Including dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme, except those for construction in South Perth Road District and those by Public Works Department.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Ware- houses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		*Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
July, 1947	17	14,637	4	1,600	47	3,450	68	19,687
July, 1946	18	14,382	1	1,600	52	4,136	71	20,118
Year ended June, 1947	319	272,390	39	16,960	546	61,235	904	350,585
Year ended June, 1946	215	157,242	40	21,012	449	39,066	704	217,320

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

992,081 lbs. were produced during June and 13,404,331 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1947, as against 754,186 lbs. and 12,680,713 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

Quantity	... Fine Oz.	JULY		7 Months ended JULY	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Quantity	...	92,249	50,987	417,616	302,973
Value (Australian Currency) £		992,824	548,748	4,483,834	3,260,750

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the seven months ended July, 1947, amounted to £392,892. Dividends reported for the corresponding period last year were £243,333.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000).

	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan Area	1123	1067	1069	1062
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1253	1201	1201	1194
Northam	1141	1083	1084	1073
Bunbury	1125	1065	1067	1052
Geraldton	1149	1092	1093	1085
Collie	1138	1078	1083	1074

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1943	1944	1945	1946(a)	1947(a)	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	128	137	142	145	162	865	826	870	995	1134
February	130	138	142	148	163	861	824	868	1016	1138
March	132	139	144	151	163	846	825	877	1045	1145
April	134	139	144	153	162	835	827	876	1051	1144
May	131	140	144	154	164	836	832	891	1069	1151
June	135	139	145	154	165	835	829	903	1087	1153
July	136	140	146	156(a)		828	832	899	1096	
August	136	140	145	157		814	832	897	1109	
Sept.	137	140	143	158		806	834	914	1114	
October	138	140	141	161		801	837	929	1118	
November	136	141	141	160		814	851	965	1133	
December	137	142	145	161		840	886	1012	1165	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1946 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	20,131	19,303	201,025	186,641
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	17,054	15,960	171,705	159,065

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Month		Cattle		Calves		Sheep		Pigs	
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
July, 1947	136	140	147	14,453	334	59,790	8,675		
July, 1946	137	140	148	11,696	324	62,711	12,563		
7 Months ended July, 1947	136	140	147	61,420	2,353	411,125	70,606		
7 Months ended July, 1946	137	140	148	56,138	1,954	432,030	94,094		

